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## POSTMASTERS NOT CONFIRMED

An Explanation of What Happened in Taft Administration  
—Vermont Interests in Washington

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 1.—The Republican members of the Senate are receiving many protests and inquiries with reference to their failure to secure the confirmation in the Senate of the postmaster general and the postmasters whose nominations were sent to that body by President Taft before the expiration of his administration March 4th of this year.

In the last Cleveland administration the commissions of several postmasters expired during the last months of that administration and when Democratic nominations for a new commission of four years for the postmaster general and the postmasters were sent by President Cleveland to the Senate for confirmation, the Republicans in the Senate permitted such appointments despite the fact that President McKinley was soon to take office and the administration was to become Republican instead of Democratic. As a result, many Democratic postmasters throughout the country served through the major part of President McKinley's Republican administration and were only supplanted by Republicans when their commissions, made at the regular time under a Democratic administration, expired.

The Republican postmasters, whose commissions expired in the regular order of things during the year 1912 and up to March 4th, 1913, and who were re-nominated for appointment for another term by President Taft, were notified, as they saw it, to the same treatment as was accorded the Democrats under the McKinley administration and had a right to expect that the courtesy of confirmation of their nominations under the Taft regime would be allowed by the Democrats in the Senate. But the Democrats in the Senate would not allow these confirmations, and consequently the number of postmasters throughout the country, whose nomination failed of confirmation, ran into the thousands. Among these were several Republican postmasters in Vermont for whose confirmation Vermont's Republican Senators worked hard, hoping and confidently expecting that the Democrats would at least concede the confirmation of nominations in a state represented by Senators both of whom were Republicans. But all in vain.

There has been so much misunderstanding among Republican postmasters and their friends with reference to the procedure of confirmation of nomination and so much discussion as to how the Democrats, who were in the majority up to the 4th of last March, were able to block the confirmation of President Taft's nominations that an explanation of the methods adopted and the tactics used by the Democrats to bring about their ends may be enlightening.

When a vacancy occurs in a post office, the representative in Congress from the district in which such vacancy occurs, if his politics are the same as the President then in power, recommends to the postmaster-general the appointment of a postmaster for the vacancy that exists. The postmaster-general, who is of the same political faith as the President and a member of his cabinet, follows the recommendation of the representative in Congress and in turn recommends to the President the nomination of the person named originally by the representative in the district where the vacancy exists. The President then usually follows the recommendation of the postmaster-general and sends to the Senate for confirmation the nomination of the person named. Now the Senate confirms all the nominations made by the President in executive session, which is held behind closed doors. When the Senate goes into executive session it is by motion and vote. So, it is plain, if a majority of the Senators were of the opinion that they did not want to go into executive session they could so vote and prevent it, thereby also preventing the consideration of the confirmation of the President's nominations. Now this is just exactly what the Democrats did every time an effort was made by the Republican Senators to go into executive session so that the postmaster nominations of President Taft might be confirmed.

The Senate, before the 4th of March, was made up of 49 Republicans, 43 Democrats and two Progressives.

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sives, and there were two vacancies in the membership. This, as will be seen, made a small Republican majority but, while the Senate was nominally Republican in majority, Senator LaFollette and some of his Republican followers who were not in sympathy with the Taft administration, could join hands with the Democrats at any time and prevent the Republicans from securing a majority. This is just exactly what was done and it is very apparent that with a few Republicans not in sympathy with the administration voting with the Democrats, the Republicans as a body were in a hopeless situation as to getting an executive session where the nominations could be discussed and the confirmations secured. Day after day the Republicans attempted to go into executive session and were voted down. Only during the very last days of the session was it possible to secure an executive session at all and then only army appointments, and the like, such as the Democrats had no objection to were confirmed for confirmation. The exception of a few post offices in the home towns of Senators, which were allowed only out of courtesy to the Senator in question.

So it was that the last Congress came to a close on the 4th of March with none of President Taft's postmaster nominations confirmed. At the end of a Congress all bills not passed and all nominations made which have not been confirmed are dead. The purpose of the Democrats in objecting to the executive sessions and the confirmation of President Taft's nominations was to delay these appointments to make places for Democratic employees when the new Congress was convened under a Democratic administration with the Senate also Democratic by majority. The names of Democrats to fill these positions which by precedent belong to Republicans will be sent to the Senate for confirmation. The Republican Senators are justly incensed at the action of the Democrats in the last Congress but, should efforts be made from any quarter to block the confirmation of President Wilson's nomination and give the Democrats a dose of their own medicine, they will find themselves face to face with a clear Democratic majority of six, and the Democrats are voting solidly on all questions of this character.

This is the status of the post office situation in Vermont, and other states represented by Republican senators, as it affects those postmasters whose terms expired before the 4th of March and whose re-nominations were sent in by the President at the last Congress. During a Democratic administration, Republican Senators are not consulted by the President with reference to the appointment of postmasters in their states but the advice of some prominent Democratic agency is usually followed by the President.

About 500 Vermonters and their friends enjoyed the 12th annual sugar party of the Vermont association of the District of Columbia Friday evening. The sugar was served on ice and among the other delicacies on the menu were biscuits, doughnuts, sickles and sage cheese.

Among the speakers of the evening were W. W. Hubbard, president of the association; George W. Clark, Frank E. Greene, toastmaster; Col. Myron M. Parker, a prominent lawyer in Washington, who responded to the toast "Green Mountain Schools and Scholars"; and Gen. John C. Black, president of the civil service commission, who spoke on Vermonters I Have Known.

Among some of the Vermonters who were in the city on business and present upon invitation were Clark C. Partridge of Proctor, Maxwell Evans of Windsor and Hale K. Darling of Chelsea.

N. J. McChesney of Vergennes, who has for a number of years been chairman of the committee on sugar party again noted in that capacity and among other members of the committee were F. O. Knight of Ludlow, H. E. O'Connell, a prominent sugar manufacturer in Washington, Mrs. Martha A. Miles and Miss Grace Ross, formerly of Rutland.

Representative Frank L. Greene attended the meeting of the Associated Press in New York last Thursday evening, being one of the speakers.

Carroll G. and Proctor H. Page, sons of Mrs. E. G. Page of Hyde Park and grandsons of Senator Carroll S. Page, are attending the National Cathedral school for boys in Washington.

Danny Moeller, who at one time was a member of the Montpelier-Barre baseball team of the old Northern league playing under the name of "Daniels", is now one of the most dangerous batters in the American league. He has been doing wonders for the Washington team this year.

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## PUTNEY.

Herbert Miller of Brattleboro was at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Foster Mack, Sunday.

The teachers of our public schools are attending the institute at Brattleboro and the schools here are closed for the rest of this week.

Miss Hazel Miller, who has been employed at the Retreat at Brattleboro, is with her grandmother, Mrs. Foster Mack, who has been ill.

F. L. Parmalee, who has bought of Bert Houghton his farm in Westminster, which adjoins his, is a successful farmer and is making a specialty of dairy. He is making delicious butter, for which there is a great demand.

The senior girls of the Baptist church will organize Saturday afternoon and will hold a social at the parsonage. Miss Cook as teacher. The junior girls have chosen Miss Eleanor O'Connor as their teacher. Superintendent Gassett is alive to the power in Sunday school work.

Sunday service at the First Baptist church, Rev. A. F. Trice pastor. Preaching, 10:45, The Altar of God. Lord's table after sermon. Sunday school at 12; men's class lecture, Ancient Egypt; Christian Endeavor, 7 p. m., cornet and violin. Mid-week prayer meeting Thursday, 7:30 p. m.

C. E. Glidden and daughter, Miss Elizabeth Glidden, left Monday on a trip of two or three weeks. They will be entertained this week at the famous Howe boys' school in Indiana, which is conducted by their relatives. Next week they will go to Chicago to meet Mr. Glidden's cousin, Mrs. Osborne, on her return from Japan. Mrs. Osborne's husband was consul-general to London under the McKinley administration and the family occupied the Sholes farm two summers. Before returning Mr. Glidden will go to Racine, Wis., where he attended college years ago.

The men's class of the Baptist church perfected their organization Saturday evening by electing officers and appointing committees, as follows: Pres., Louis H. Pond; vice-pres., Louis Burditt; treas., Waldo Howard; sec., Raymond Etheld; membership com., Frank Townsend; chairman, Clifford Cook; George Aiken, R. W. Bromley; social com., George Gassett; chairman, Daniel Holt; Vernon Williams; Raymond Stovall; Raymond Austin; devotional com., Merwin Pond; chairman, John Cook; Elmer Gassett; Deacon H. Gassett. Lecture and discussion each Sunday at 12 in the church.

## WARDSBORO.

Miss Carrie Ware, who has been ill several days, is much better.

Mrs. H. E. Knight, who has been ill some time, is able to be out again.

Leonard Wheeler spent Sunday at home, returning to Brattleboro Monday.

Arthur Ball of Bellows Falls visited his brother-in-law, Frank Farnum, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Capen and three children of Townsend visited at Mrs. Lackey's Sunday.

Harry Bemis, who spent a week or more with his aunt, Mrs. Luther Eames, returned to his home in Brattleboro Monday.

Mrs. Emma Knapp, who visited in Springfield, Mass., Baltimore and Washington through the winter, returned to her home Monday night.

There will be a church social in the vestry next Tuesday evening, May 6. Ladies are requested to bring cake. A good program is being prepared.

Rev. E. W. Sharpe, district superintendent, was a guest of Rev. A. S. Gorton Tuesday. The first quarterly conference was held at 3 o'clock that afternoon at the parsonage.

Mr. and Mrs. John Martin and son, Kenneth, of Brattleboro, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Knight and attended the anniversary service of the Old Fellows, held in the Methodist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitney of Watertown, Mass., and Mrs. Derby of Gardner, Mass., came Saturday night to spend the week and make some repairs on their summer home, which they will occupy later.

The anniversary service of the Old Fellows conducted by Rev. A. S. Gorton Sunday was very much appreciated by a good number of Old Fellows and Rebels, as well as those outside of the order who attended. The church was very prettily decorated with flowers.

## WINDHAM.

Harry Gould was called to Newfane as a witness last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Decampier were in Wardsboro over Sunday.

A missionary meeting was held with Mrs. Earl Eddy Tuesday.

Trailing arbutus and strawberry blossoms were found early in the week.

Mrs. Ruth Coleman of Rawsonville recently visited her brother, George Dutton.

Leon Wheeler of West Townsend was at Rev. S. L. Vincent's the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Puffer have moved onto their farm that they bought of B. M. Gleason.

The county road commissioner was here to confer with the selectmen and town road commissioner Monday.

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Rich Prize for Aviator Who Flew 1000 Miles Straightaway.

PARIS, May 1.—Ernest G. Guillaux, a French aviator, who on Sunday last flew from Biarritz, France, to Kollum, Holland, a distance of nearly 1000 miles, won a prize of \$10,000 and the single day distance cup, which was decided at sunset tonight.

Competition for the Pommery cup, valued at \$1,500, is open every six months, and the prize is awarded to the aviator making the longest flight in a straight line between sunrise and sunset of the same day.

Guillaux started from Biarritz, in the extreme southwest of France, at 4:42 o'clock on Sunday morning, and after making two stops—at Bordeaux and Villacoublay—to replenish his fuel, finally reached Kollum, Holland.

Pierre Dancourt, a Frenchman, won the cup on the last occasion with a flight on Oct. 6, 1912, from Valenciennes to Biarritz, a distance of 530 miles.

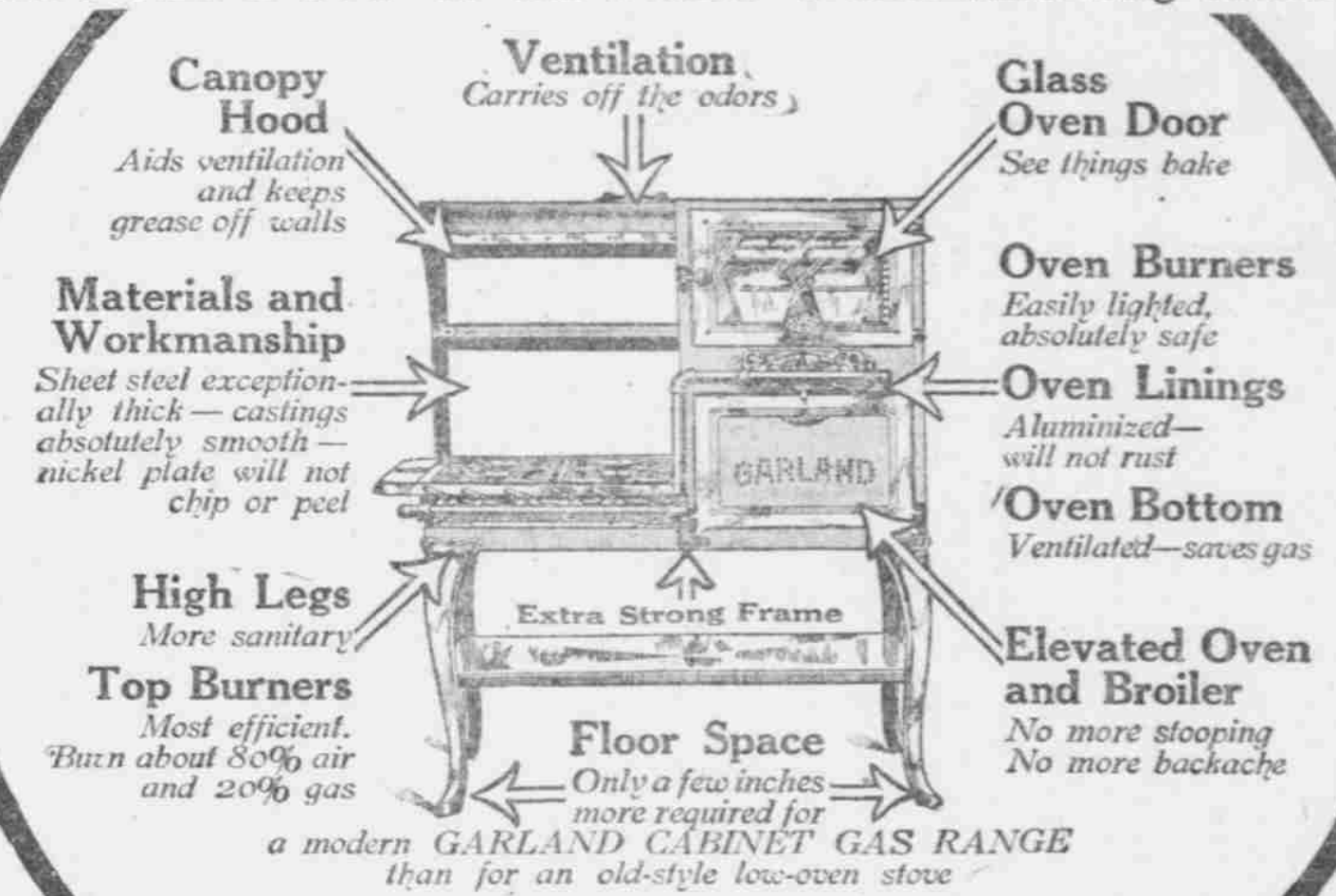
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